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1. [redacted] reaffirmed the determination of the SPD to go through with the formation of the West-German Government and labeled as lies news stories stating the contrary, especially the article of Middleton in the New York Times. The SPD wants the unity of all Germany, but only with a full guarantee for the civil and property rights for those living in the Soviet Zone. The latter, he stated, cannot be logically expected, regardless of the outcome of the negotiations on the Berlin blockade. The SPD will not compromise on the question of civil rights.
2. Regarding the talks on the Berlin blockade, Schumacher emphasized once more his view that the Western Powers must not permit arbitrary and unilateral Soviet travel measures. He felt that it was not enough to give the Berlin population means for survival, but that it must also be given assurances of reasonable safety from seizure of body and property while in transit to and from Berlin.

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